

O  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
DEC 22 2003

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT and  
SECOND PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Application #	10/088,174
Confirmation #	8862
Filing Date	19 June 2002
First Inventor	DUCROIX et al.
Art Unit	2872
Examiner	Daniel J. Petkovsek
Docket #	P07566US00/BAS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

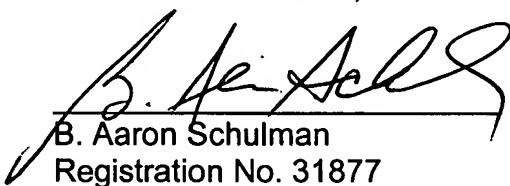
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 10, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

**Applicants' Response to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Claims** are provided in the **Remarks** attached hereto as **Attachment B**.

Examination of the elected claims and allowance of the present application is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
LARSON & TAYLOR, PLC

  
B. Aaron Schulman  
Registration No. 31877

December 22, 2003

1199 North Fairfax Street, Suite 900  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
(703) 739-4900